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In Memory of Washington's Death.
Owosso Lodge No. 81, F. and A. M. swung wide its doors last evening to members and friends alike in memory of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of that venerated of American patriots, and a man too, who knew from experience the true value, the strength, wisdom, purity and beauty of all lived in his life, George Washington. The lodge room had been tastefully decorated with a number of large United States flags and fine portraits of Washington which were draped with the national colors, presenting an appearance at once appropriate, patriotic, and very pleasing.

The evening's exercises were opened with a few well chosen words of welcome from W. H. M. M. S. Stratton, who outlined the program of the evening and told of the feeling which came over him some time since when at the national capital, he was viewing mementoes of the various presidents in the congressional library and there saw Masonic aprons which Washington himself had worn and other paraphernalia belonging to the craft which he had used.

The subject of Masonry had been assigned to Rev. Carlos H. Banks, and he handled the subject in a way that was an inspiration to everyone who heard him, while there was wit enough shown to make the brief address one continual cause for enjoyment. Masonry was not so much a secret society as a society, with secrets. Every family, he said, was such a society and even a man, if he was worth anything, had some secrets which he told to none. He then referred briefly in turn to the three pillars of Masonry, Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Masonry teaches a belief in God, it believes in a future life and it believes in virtue, in justice, and in charity. Its wisdom is found in its belief and its precepts; its strength in its secrecy; its beauty in those traits of character which make men manly and lovable. As Masons we love this country to which we all bear allegiance and we love our fellow man wherever found.

The address on Washington was given by Hon. Milo D. Campbell, state insurance commissioner and president of the tax commission. The address was well written and read in a pleasing manner. The greater part of it was a recounting of the story of Washington's life with a sketch of the earlier family history, but in almost the beginning he told of an old Irish legend of an enchanted island which appeared from out the depths of the sea only once in each seven years. It was a paradise but sank out of sight again and could only be made to stay by the placing of a lighted brand on it by some man. St. Brandon finally after repeated trials succeeded in reaching the land and there found birds and animals and other creatures sent from Heaven to serve God there. So with America, it was saved for centuries and then occupied by select souls driven from all parts of Europe, here to serve God. It was a fitting introduction to the story of the life of one who served his God as perhaps no American has ever served Him before or since. Another pleasing reference to the life of Washington through his friends was made when Mr. Campbell told of a personal visit made by him when in Paris, May 30, 1890, to the grave of Lafayette also a Mason and one of the closest and most trusted friends of Washington, and so he observed Decoration Day the in a foreign land decorating the grave of an American soldier, a Mason and a friend of Washington.

Washington took the entered apprentice degree in Masonry in 1753 and was made a Master Mason in August of the following year. A few years later his name was found prominently connected with the most important affairs of the order. In 1793 he assisted in laying the corner stone of the national capitol with Masonic rites. The very Bible which he kissed when taking the oath of office as president of the United States was one belonging to St. Johns Lodge of New York. After his death on December 14, 1799, he was buried with Masonic honors. These few traits are but fragments from the address by Mr. Campbell, which as before noted, recounted much of the life of Washington and but a very small part of the address was devoted to Washington, the Mason, except as Washington the man, the patriot and the father of his country. The entire address was much enjoyed.

Music for the evening was furnished by the Masonic chorus consisting of Messrs. G. D. McIntosh, C. F. Danforth, J. C. Usher, V. R. Pond, A. E. Ferry, G. T. Campbell, J. B. McIntosh and T. J. Horman. In closing the entire audience joined in singing America.

Didn't Object to His Creed.
The English language reminds me of some of these typewriters and the game of whist. It looks mighty simple, but the further you go along the more complicated and swear provoking it is. We have all heard of the man who told his sweetheart that before marrying her he must confess that he was a somnambulist.
"Oh, I don't mind that," said the dear, sweet girl, "we are Presbyterians ourselves, but we are not a bit narrow."—Louisville Times.

Death of Mrs. Wellington White.
Lucy Rebecca White died at half past two o'clock Monday morning at her home 513 West Main street after a lingering illness of nearly two years of spinal sclerosis. Since over two years ago Mrs. White has been in poor health which grew gradually worse until for the last year she has been able to walk but very little. Tho it became evident that the end of her earthly life was near, she bravely and resolutely held out, and not until about ten days before her death did she give up to confinement to bed. For the last two days she remained in a comatose condition nearly all the time. The funeral services were held at the house and at the vault in Oakhill cemetery Wednesday afternoon, Rev. E. W. White, of Jackson, officiating.

Lucy Rebecca Pierce was born in Royalston, Mass., December 10, 1839. In that tiny country settlement she spent her girlhood days. There among the high Massachusetts hills she attended the country school and the little Baptist church where her early education was so well begun. There she had, too, for one of her schoolmates the boy to whom later, after the civil war was ended, she entrusted her life to become an helpmate for him. The Massachusetts girl was however an apt pupil and was the teacher of a school herself when but fourteen years of age.

She was married to Mr. Wellington White September 6, 1865 and in 1876 they returned to Owosso where Mr. White had been for several years before their marriage and where both had lived for a brief time after that event. Owosso has been their home ever since. Mrs. White became at once an active worker in the Baptist church and was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society from the time of her connection with the church until compelled to relinquish the work by the final illness. During this illness, the patience, the cheery thoughtfulness for others and forgetfulness of self were the most striking features to every observing friend. The lessons of her early life were well learned and her trust in her God was never shaken but sustained her to the end. The community has lost from its midst one whose interests were always allied with its best and highest interests and who always did what she could to better things. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. White in his bereavement.

Annual Elections.
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Twelve pages are printed again this week.

Elsie.
Mrs. H. Cooley is seriously ill—George Craddock is visiting friends in Ingham county—Meadames H. and A. Hankins spent Monday in Owosso—Charlie Snell was in Saginaw Monday and Ashley Thursday—John Oberlin and family, of Ovid, spent Sunday with friends in Elsie—John White has moved to Vassar where he will make his future home—Nellie Dennis, of Ovid, has been spending a few days with Miss Eva Tuttle—B. M. Woolley was quite ill the latter part of the week, but at present is much better—Mrs. Robert Miller, who has been ill in Owosso for several weeks, was brought home last Monday, but is in a critical condition—Jacob Arthur, who has been ill with consumption for some time, died Saturday—Mrs. Aaron Siskels has exchanged her land west of the village, for the house and lot owned by Charles Clark, and will soon take possession. Mr. Clark intends building during the winter months.

Take Care of Your Ears.
Men and women have much to do to keep straight. A hundred nerves and muscles are at work all through the waking hours, giving warning or receiving orders that the body, with its many joints and natural instability, shall preserve its equilibrium, shall not stagger or double up in a hopeless heap. These nerves and muscles are a highly organized signal service, the chief offices of which are in the semicircular canals buried in the "stony" bonework that protects the inner ear. Were it not for these canals a human being would find it difficult, often impossible, to maintain a proper balance either while walking or standing still. So long as these canals are in healthy working order their reports are trustworthy, but when any undue force has shocked them or any agency, such as sickness, has interfered with their workings their messages are incoherent, and the brain, like the engineer of a battleship in action, when the men above are blinded and bewildered, has nothing to do but let things go.—Berlin (Md.) Herald.

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The Blood Red Banner.
Royal and national colors vary with nations and times; but since Cain slew Abel blood red has been the sign of revolt. In the earliest revolt known to history, when the Persians rose against their king 4,000 years ago, they were led by a blood red banner, and during the riots which took place in Paris the men in the blood red caps were followed by the mob.

A blood red flag waved over Bunker Hill when the Americans fought us for liberty, and it was the emblem of the German peasants in their great uprisings in 1424, 1492 and 1525. Blood red was the color of the trade union flags during the middle ages, and it formed the background of the emblem of the Swiss confederacy in 1315.

Through the whole of French and every other national history those striking in their own ways for liberty have worn the blood red cap and bailed the blood red banner as their leader. It is a curious fact that never has a monarch chosen it as his color. It has been left sacred to revolutionists.—London Answers.

Mrs. Drew's Opinion of Edwin Booth.
Edwin Booth had a very sweet character and a charming manner at rehearsals, which he detested. I think, after Hamlet, his Bertuccio in the "Fool's Revenge" was his finest representation. He threw his whole soul into it, and it was indeed a performance to be remembered.—Mrs. John Drew in Scribner's.

Not a Bit of a Popular Hero.
"Nobody seems to know much about that man in uniform who slipped out of the carriage while the crowd was cheering the general and went back to the hotel."
"Bless you, no. He isn't one of the heroes. While the brave fellows were fighting at the front, he was nursing yellow fever patients in the hospital."—Chicago Tribune.

Probate Order.
At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Corunna, on Thursday, the 14th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.
Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Joseph Billmer, deceased, on reading and filing the petition of Eli W. Billmer, as administrator, praying for license to sell the real estate of said deceased to pay debts.
It is ordered that the 8th day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be assigned for hearing said petition.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE OWOSSO TIMES, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Shiawassee.
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